

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1.) Claim Amendments

The Applicant has cancelled Claim 13. Applicant respectfully submits no new matter has been added. Accordingly, Claims 1-12 and 14-36 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

2.) Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner objected to Claim 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has cancelled Claim 13, therefore, the withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

3.) Double Patenting

The Examiner rejected claims Claims 1-25, and 29-33 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-36 of U.S. Patent No. 6,914,911. The present application is owned by the Assignee, Ericsson Inc. and U.S. Patent No. 6,914,911 is owned by the Assignee, Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson (publ). Ericsson Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson (publ) and therefore the present application and U.S. Patent No. 6,914,911 are commonly owned. The present application is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Patent No. 6,914,911. An assignment, which assigns ownership to the Assignee of U.S. Patent No. 6,914,911 and all continuing applications, was recorded in the USPTO on 05/10/2001, at reel/frame 011802/0560.

The Applicants have filed a Terminal Disclaimer herewith to overcome this rejection. An authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1379 for the Terminal Disclaimer fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.20(d) is enclosed.

5.) Prior Art Not Relied Upon

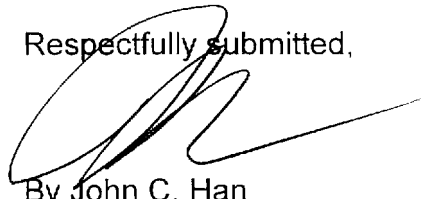
In paragraph 6 of the Office Action, the Examiner stated that the prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to the Applicant's disclosure.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John C. Han', is written over the text 'Respectfully submitted,'.

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